

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**  
**CALIFORNIA DESERT DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**CHARTER**

- 1. OFFICIAL DESIGNATION:** California Desert District Advisory Council.
- 2. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE:** Provide representative citizen counsel and advice to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) California Desert District Manager concerning: (a) planning and management of the public land resources within the BLM California Desert District, and (b) implementation of the comprehensive, long-range plan of the management, use, development, and protection of the public lands within the California Desert Conservation Area.
- 3. PERIOD OF TIME NECESSARY FOR THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES:** Since its functions are related to continuing the BLM's responsibility for the management of public lands and resources in the District, the need for the Council is expected to continue indefinitely. However, Council continuation will be subject to periodic review and rechartering as required by Section 14(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix.
- 4. OFFICIAL TO WHOM THE COUNCIL REPORTS:** The Designated Federal Official (DFO) required by FACA to whom the Council reports is the BLM California Desert District Manager.
- 5. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:** Administrative support for activities of the Council will be provided by the District Manager in accordance with Council bylaws and standard operating procedures.
- 6. DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL:** At the request of the District Manager or his designee, the Council will meet periodically to gather and analyze information, conduct studies and field examinations, hear public testimony, ascertain facts, and in an advisory capacity only, develop recommendations for the District Manager concerning use, classification, retention, disposal, or other aspects of public land planning and management in the public interest, including recommendations regarding implementation of the long-range plan for the California Desert Conservation Area.
- 7. COUNCIL COMPOSITION:**
  - a. The Council's membership will be balanced with respect to geographic considerations; members' interests, points of view, and place of residence; composition of the population of the area being served; Council functions to be performed; and the major issues and problems relating to planning and management of the public lands within the District and the various major citizens' interests concerning these issues and problems.

b. The Council will be composed of 15 members, who are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary). Pursuant to Section 309(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, at least one member will be an incumbent elected official of general purpose government serving the people of the District. In addition, at least one member will be qualified to, and will represent and approve advice, on each of the following categories of interest:

- (1) A representative of environmental protection groups or organizations;
- (2) A representative of recreation groups or organizations;
- (3) A representative of renewable resources groups or organizations;
- (4) A representative of non-renewable resources groups or organizations;
- (5) A representative of transportation rights-of-way (or occupancy issues) groups or organizations;
- (6) A representative of wildlife groups or organizations;
- (7) A representative of the renewable energy industry; and
- (8) A representative of the public-at-large.

**8. SUBGROUPS:** The Council may form local subgroups to provide local level input necessary to the successful functioning of the Council. Such subgroups can be formed, subject to the DFO's approval, in response to a petition from local citizens or by the motion of the Council. Input by subgroups will be presented directly to the Council for its deliberation and consideration. Specific requirements for subgroups are contained in the Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures for California Desert District Advisory Council.

**9. ETHICS RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS:** No Council or subcommittee member shall participate in any specific party matter including a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement, or related litigation with the Department of the Interior in which the member has a direct financial interest. As provided in 43 CFR 1784.2-2, members of the Council shall be required to disclose their direct or indirect interest in leases, licenses, permits, contracts, or claims that involve lands or resources administered by the BLM, or in any litigation related thereto.

**10. ALLOWANCES FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Council members serve without salary, but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses when on Council business as authorized by Section 309(a) of the FLPMA of 1976, and 5 U.S.C. 5703.

**11. MEETINGS:** The Council will normally meet two to four times annually, but in no case less than once annually. Additional meetings may be called by the District Manager or his/her designee in connection with special needs and issues.

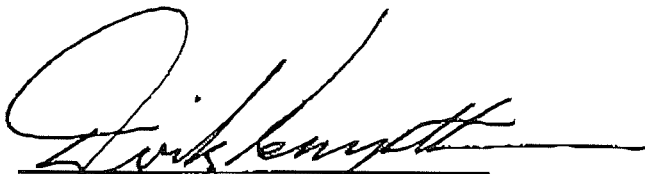
**12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** A majority of the members of the Council shall elect the Chairperson of the Council and such other officers as the majority deem necessary to serve until replaced in a subsequent election. Election of the Chairperson and other officers will occur annually at the first meeting of the Council during the calendar year.

**13. QUORUM AND VOTING REQUIREMENTS:** The Council will not elect officers, adopt resolutions, take positions on issues, offer advice or recommendations with less than 51 percent of its members in attendance, or if no member is an elected official of general purpose government serving the people of the District as required by paragraph 7b.

**14. ESTIMATED OPERATION COSTS:** Activities of the Council will require an estimated \$75,000, including .5 person years annually.

**15. EXPIRATION DATE:** The Council's charter will expire 2 years from the date this charter is filed, unless, prior to that date, it is rechartered by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of Section 14(b) of the FACA, 5 U.S.C. Appendix. The Council may not convene a meeting without a current charter.

**16. AUTHORITY:** Section 309(a) and 601(g) of the FLPMA of 1976, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 1739 and 1781.

  
 SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

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 Date Signed

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 Date Charter Filed